**Making Your Own Myth: Turning History into Legend**

*In this assignment, you will be playing the part of poet, mythographer, and tall-tale-teller. You will be taking a historical event, something that we know is factually true, and you will turn it into a myth!*

*As we have seen, historical facts can be warped, changed, and covered by the fantastical, fairytale details of the myths we’ve read in class and at home. You will be imitating the same style and creating new myths from history that we know and see on TV, on the Internet, and in history books.*

*Imagine that someone 2000 years from now would read a story about something we know as history. How much would that story change? How much information would remain the same? It’s up to you to decide!*

*Please pick a historical event that is very well-known (like the Apollo Moon Landing). I have here a list below that you are welcome to choose from:*

**Major Historical Events:**

1. World War I, and World War II
2. The Stock Market Crash
3. The Fall of the Berlin Wall
4. The American Revolution
5. The Invention of the Internet
6. The Atomic Bomb/The explosion of it in Japan
7. Columbus discovering the Americas
8. The 13th Amendment and Abolition
9. The Invention of the Cell Phone
10. 9/11 and the World Trade Center
11. Landing a probe on Mars
12. Cloning a Sheep
13. The Creation of Video Games
14. Exploring the ocean floor, and the sea life there (look up “Hydrothermal vents”)
15. The Hubble Space Telescope
16. First Space Walk by an astronaut
17. Boston Tea Party
18. The Sinking of the Titanic
19. The Great Depression
20. Wright Brother’s First Flight
21. Invention of the Movie
22. American Civil War
23. Colonials settling in America
24. Invention of the Lightbulb
25. Women’s Right to Vote
26. The Creation of the Constitution of the United States

**If you want to choose your own historical event, you must email me with your request by Saturday at 3pm. I will decide whether or not to approve your request. If you don’t get permission from me to do a historical event that is not in the list above, you cannot do your own.**

*Essentially, the myth is going to take details and facts about your chosen historical event, and turn it into a myth. Make sure that the myth you write is creative, but it still holds kernels of truth in it that relate to the historical event!*

*Here are your requirements and expectations for this assignment:*

1. This story must be at least **3** paragraphs long, and must have at least **5** kernels of historical fact that help the reader identify what the major historical event is.
2. The story must be mythical—it cannot be a simple, boring re-telling of your major historical event. Make it fantastical!
3. The kernels of truth that you use to connect to your historical event **must be true—**you must do a bit of research on your historical event and ensure you know what happens in it.
4. On the back of your story paper, please type the following:
   1. The historical event that you chose
   2. The kernels of truth you used in the story - quote directly from the text and explain *how* they show details/facts about your historical event.